

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 678
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ty Detmer upon his induction into the Brigham Young University Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through an unwavering dedication to athletic excellence, have distinguished themselves as collegiate and professional athletes of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable athlete is Ty Detmer, former quarterback for the Brigham Young University (BYU) football team and professional football player, who was recently inducted into the Brigham Young University Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ty Detmer played football for Brigham Young University from 1988 to 1991, and by the end of his collegiate career, he had broken fifty-nine NCAA football records and tied three others; and

WHEREAS, his long list of NCAA football records includes: most passing yards with 15,031, most total offense with 14,665, and most passing yards by a sophomore with 4,560; he also set BYU's record for most plays with 1,795, most pass attempts with 1,530, and most completions with 953; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable collegiate career, Ty Detmer led the Cougars to four bowl games and an outstanding overall record of thirty-seven wins, thirteen losses, and two ties; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1990, in one of the biggest wins in BYU football history, Ty Detmer led the Cougars to a 28-21 win over top-ranked University of Miami; he threw for 406 yards in the victory, a performance which earned him National Player-of-the-Week honors; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ty Detmer was named the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner, an honor bestowed upon the top collegiate football player in the country; he is the only BYU football player to ever receive this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, after finishing his collegiate career and graduating with a bachelor's degree in recreation administration, Ty Detmer was selected in the 1992 NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers, for whom he was the top backup quarterback behind Brett Favre; and

WHEREAS, after signing with the Philadelphia Eagles, Ty Detmer threw for 2,911 yards and fifteen touchdowns during the 1996 season, and his quarterback rating was 80.8, fourth best in the NFC during that season; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Ty Detmer signed with the San Francisco 49ers, where he started one game and completed the season with 312 passing yards, four touchdowns, and a completion percentage of 63.2 percent; and

WHEREAS, signing with the Cleveland Browns in 1999, Ty Detmer started two games and played in three other games, and he finished the season with 548 yards passing; he retired in 2000 after a career-ending achilles tendon injury; and

WHEREAS, his many football accomplishments aside, Ty Detmer is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wonderful wife, Kim; and

WHEREAS, Ty Detmer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Americans; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments and his unflagging commitment to excellence in every endeavor, Ty Detmer has been selected for induction into the Brigham Young University Hall of Fame, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ty Detmer upon his recent induction into the Brigham Young University Hall of Fame and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.